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### A NOTABLE MUSICAL EVENT

The annual faculty recital of the Schubert School of Music was given Tuesday evening, in the spacious auditorium of the News building, before an audience comfortably taxing the capacity of the hall. Prof. Hugh Porter, violinist, Mrs. C. O. Nelson, soprano and Mrs. Robert Forsyth, pianist, gave the program, which was divided into two parts. The first, representative of the best work of foreign composers, the second a selection from the most notable compositions of American composers.

Mr. Porter gave several numbers not hitherto heard in Farmington, and rarely heard on the concert stage except in the repertoire of such masters as Yeasey, Kreisler and Elman. It is needless to say that his splendid rendition of these numbers again demonstrated that Farmington has an artist and teacher of exceptional talents and ability.

Mrs. Nelson, always pleasing, gave several numbers of extreme technical difficulty, and several others of extreme simplicity, requiring the very highest artistry for their successful rendition. Her explanatory talks in connection with several of the numbers were also much enjoyed and appreciated. It is no wonder, when one hears Mrs. Nelson, that her work as a teacher is marked by very unusual success, as it has been for years.

Mrs. Forsyth chose a varied selection of numbers for her part of the program, ranging from the typical Indian songs of Cadman to the difficult "Impromptu" in C sharp minor by Rachminoff, all of which were given in her typical masterly manner. Mrs. Forsyth also accompanied Mrs. Nelson's vocal numbers with rare taste and skill. As a pianist she shows the result of uncommon training and broad knowledge of her instrument, with a true adherence to the highest ideals of this form of musical expression.

Miss Murrell, who was accompanist for Prof. Porter, acquitted herself so creditably that special mention is deserved. The extraordinarily difficult compositions chosen by Mr. Porter were handled by this young lady in a manner which speaks volumes for her musical future as an artist of far more than local reputation, and the ease with which she played the most intricate accompaniments demonstrated a rare degree of skill and aptitude. Miss Murrell is a violin pupil of Mr. Porter's, from whom great things may be expected.

In all, the recital was a notable musical event. It is but rarely Farmington, with all of its known love for music, has an opportunity to hear the highest grade music rendered in a thoroughly artistic manner, and again it is impressed that here at home we have artists of standing quite as high as may be brought here from anywhere, and opportunities thus afforded the student of music are in every way exceptional.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Last Tuesday afternoon Miss Leanna Cole invited a few friends to her home and told them to bring their fancy work. A dainty luncheon was served and on each plate was a little card announcing her engagement to Mr. Fred Butterfield, the marriage to take place the 21st of March.

The guests were, Misses Roberta Tetley, Annie Craig, Irene Lang, Meda Mae E. L. Horton, John McCormick, Paul Cayce, Edward Arnold, R. P. Lang, Taylor Smith, Walter Morris, Milton Spauld, N. Willbanks, Hugh Porter, Frank Weber, Kossuth Weber, Henry Davis and Earl Carleton.

Attorney Gus Swink of Maplewood transacted business in court here the first of the week.

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### County Court

County Court met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, March 5, with the following officers present: C. L. Garret, Presiding Judge, W. A. Mitchell and F. M. Matkin, Associate Judges, Chas. H. Adams, Sheriff, and Albert Wulfert, Clerk, and the following business was transacted up to and including Wednesday:

On application Carrie Layson was sent to the Mt. Vernon Sanatorium for treatment as a county patient.

R. L. Wright made application for license to conduct a pool room at Bismarck, and the court directed the Clerk to notify him that as the city of Bismarck is incorporated, the court refuses to issue pool table license until a license is granted by the city authorities of said incorporated city.

The court loaned Mrs. Fannie Pierce \$1,000 out of the capital school fund on real estate and personal security, as provided by law.

The bonds of the following newly appointed road overseers were filed and approved: C. H. Menge, district 4; E. Brooks, 7; J. D. Huff, 8; Walter Brewer, 9; William Dugal, 10; John Albert, 13; W. L. Eaton, 16; Fenton H. Miller, 17; B. G. Porter, 20; Harry Sutton, 21; Geo. Humphrey, 22; E. O. Presnell, 23; M. T. Goggins, 25.

### Warrants Issued.

August Wichman, janitor, month's salary, \$50; John A. Knowles, Circuit Clerk, month's salary, \$166.65; Bessie Brady, deputy clerk, month's salary, \$41.65; H. W. Coffield, County Treasurer, month's salary, \$100; Thos. A. Mathews, prosecuting attorney, month's salary, \$208.35; J. Clyde Akers, County Superintendent of Schools, month's salary, \$116.65; Albert Wulfert, County Clerk, fees for February, \$352.15; T. N. Henderson, salary for 2 1/2 months as Infirmary Superintendent, \$175; Van McClanahan, wood for jail, \$12.50; Harry Sutton, work on Fredericktown road, \$2.60; Wm. Marcum, relief, \$15; Mrs. M. Horton, support of poor persons at Flat River and vicinity, \$25; Mrs. Otto Skaggs, support of poor persons at Desloge and vicinity, \$15; Chas. Ward, support of poor persons at Bonne Terre and vicinity, \$20; Jiles Bartley, support of Lewis Pretebitt, \$10; W. N. Brumfield, relief, \$4; Jones & Mitchell, supplies for quarantine patients, \$74.18; Chas. H. Adams, Sheriff, wood at jail, etc., \$10.05; K. C. Weber, Probate Judge, express and postage, \$4.28; McCarthy Lumber Co., tiling for court house drain, \$3.85; The Waters Press, stationery for County Clerk and School Superintendent offices, \$9; Israel Aubuchon, support of Walter Hogan, \$7; J. Clyde Akers, School Superintendent, postage, \$13.09; Dr. F. S. Weber, quarantine services, \$18; The Farmington News, stationery for county offices, \$38.75; Farmington Telephone Co., phone service, \$32.30; Lang & Bro. Mfg. & Mch. Co., supplies for court house repairs, \$1.90; Bonne Terre Pharmacy, quarantine supplies, \$1; Chas. H. Adams, Sheriff, boarding prisoners, \$54.50; John R. Mertz & Co., repairs at jail and court house, \$3.25; Leslie Mitchell, services to quarantine patients, \$1.50; Desloge Sun, stationery for School Superintendent, \$15; City Livery Stable, auto to hire, \$1.50; West Disinfecting Co., supplies for Infirmary, \$16; Thos. Autzen, supplies for Infirmary, \$14.75; Farmington Laundry, laundering for Infirmary, \$4.14; Morris Brothers, Infirmary supplies, \$16.80; T. N. Henderson, Infirmary supplies, \$3.30; Fischer Mer. Co., Infirmary supplies, \$70.04; E. J. McKinney, same, \$25; Lead Belt News, J. P. and Coroner supplies, \$22.50; Dr. G. B. Williams, medical service, \$16; Albert Trauer-nicht, supplies and repairing tools, \$4.65; Mrs. Fannie Pierce, school fund loan, \$1,000; Alice Stracke, support of James McCarver and family, \$5; E. M. Laakman, Infirmary supplies, \$6.20; R. B. Price, Treasurer, salary due Farm Agent, \$168; Bequette Bros., hauling for Ab. Mullins, \$1.50; Miners Lumber Co., material on Flat River road, \$13.35; Boswell, Baugh & Clark, auto hire, \$5; J. M. Appleberry, quarantine supplies, \$74.48.

**DE SOTO DEFEATS NATIONAL**  
In a spirited game of basket ball last Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium at DeSoto, the DeSoto team defeated the Nationals of Flat River by a score of 40 to 34. At the end of the first half the score stood, DeSoto 20, Nationals 10, and the final score 40 in favor of DeSoto and 34 for the Nationals. The National lineup was weakened by Captain Mitchell and Limbaugh, star center, being out on account of injuries. Scoring for National was Newcomb, 14 points; Bone, 13; and Watson, 7. Referee—Harding of DeSoto and Mitchell of National. The Nationals play the Bonne Terre Y. M. C. A. a return game at Flat River tonight (Friday).

### Circuit Court

The February term adjourned Tuesday, March 6. Following is disposition of cases not heretofore reported:

M. H. Topping vs. Reuter-Milling Co., appeal from J. P.; dismissed.

John L. Bradley vs. Citizens Bank of Desloge, suit in equity; continued to May term and leave granted plaintiff to file amended petition by April 1st.

Emil H. Herwig vs. Business Men's Acc'd Ass'n, policy; continued.

J. W. Higley vs. M. R. & B. T. Ry., damages; tried by court—brief to be submitted.

A. S. Rudy vs. Federal Lead Co., damages; trial by jury and verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$700; motions for new trial and in arrest of judgment filed and overruled; affidavit for appeal filed and appeal granted to the St. Louis Court of Appeals; leave granted to file bill of exceptions on or before June 1.

J. H. Kirkland vs. Mrs. Joe Redfern et al., appeal from J. P.; trial by new trial sustained and cause continued to May term; dismissed as to Joe Redfern.

Theodore O. Loveland et al. vs. B. R. Wood, appeal from J. P.; trial by court and judgment in favor of plaintiffs for \$34.00 and costs with interest from December 23, 1915; motion for new trial filed.

Bessie Richards vs. Hugh Campbell, judgment entered in favor of plaintiff by agreement for \$250 and costs.

Harvey Bayless vs. Western Union Telegraph Co., damages; continued in process of settlement.

John Brodas vs. John Brodak, damages; continued at cost of defendant.

W. E. Coffey et al. vs. Merrill Phipps et al., levy; judgment by default for \$300.65.

St. Francois County Bank vs. John McBrien et al., levy; continued to May term.

John Hemersky vs. Federal Lead Co., damages; motion for new trial overruled.

Marion Sutton vs. Emma Sutton, divorce; trial by court and submitted.

Maud Agnew vs. Emmett Agnew, divorce; trial by court and submitted.

In re dissolution of the Doe Run Lead Company, continued by agreement to the May term.

Robert Holmes vs. Doe Run Lead Co. et al., transfer of stock; continued to May term.

Robert Holmes vs. Doe Run Lead Co. et al., St. Joseph Lead Co. et al., and M. R. & B. T. Ry. Co. et al., inspection of books, etc.; continued to May term.

### Auto Accident

Francis A. Benham and B. H. Boyer, while traveling in Mr. Benham's roadster last Thursday night, collided with Dr. R. B. Lester's machine about 8 o'clock, near the National hospital at St. Francois. Both machines were badly damaged, while Mr. Boyer was thrown from Mr. Benham's car and was considerably bruised and shaken up, rendering him unconscious for some time. He received prompt treatment at the hospital, and was able to be in court Monday morning, though he has not yet fully recovered.

Very fortunately, neither Mr. Benham nor Dr. Lester received a scratch. The damage to Mr. Benham's car was a broken bumper, left fender torn off, left front wheel torn off, an axle badly bent. The left fender and side of Dr. Lester's car was damaged, and both front wheels were torn off. While their repair bills will not be a small item, both are to be congratulated on their narrow escape from bodily injury. We have no information as to which machine was out of its latitude.

### Coming Strong

Thanks and appreciation of The Times management goes out to the following large list of new and renewal subscribers that have come in the past week, which indicates an active and increasing interest of the people of St. Francois county and elsewhere in this paper:

New Subscribers: W. R. Mulkey, H. C. Bates and J. W. Jones of Esther; W. R. Heitman, Roy Horton and J. S. Miller of Elvins; J. L. Waller of Route 4 and T. F. Lockridge of Farmington; and S. E. L. Rodgers of Avon; R. B. Brooks and Geo. W. Baker of Knob Lick; Coffman Mercantile Co. of Coffman, E. J. Boyer of Leadwood, Walter Fremman and Theo. Hodge of Campbell, Mo.

Renewals: W. W. Waters, J. T. Russell, Thos. H. Haile, W. T. Haile, P. G. Hunt and Mrs. L. C. Barroll of Farmington, Chas. Fortner and J. H. Steele of Elvins, W. C. Benham of Bonne Terre, Ed Klein, Heth, Ark.

### Fine Home Burned

Last Sunday night between twelve and one o'clock the Willard Byington house in the Burks Addition, occupied by Joseph H. Story and family, was discovered to be on fire. A neighbor happened to wake up and got up to let down a window in her room, as it was uncomfortably cold, and looking out of a rear window saw a small blaze creeping along under the eaves of the kitchen roof of the building. She hurried to the phone and sent in an alarm to Central, and asked them to ring up the Storys, as they were probably not awake. Mrs. Story, who was asleep on the sleeping porch, says she doesn't know whether it was the fire whistle or what that awakened her, but she hastened into her husband's room and had some difficulty in arousing him. By this time the flames had burst through the kitchen roof, and soon the roof of the whole northern side of the house was ablaze.

By the time the fire brigade got there with the hose the fire had gained considerable headway, and they had a hard fight to subdue the flames. The temperature was but a few degrees above zero, but suffering from the biting cold and chilled with dampened clothes, they worked like trojans. It was an hour or more before they got the flames under control and a longer time in extinguishing the fire.

The kitchen ell was completely destroyed, the roof of the whole building was burned off, and the inside of the main building greatly damaged. The frame and weatherboarding of the main building were left standing. The house was insured for \$1,500, but it will probably take \$2,000 or more to restore it to its former condition.

A number of neighbors had gathered at the scene of the fire before the fire brigade arrived and lent all the assistance possible to the family in saving their household goods. All of their valuables and considerable of their best household goods were saved, but most of their clothing, bedding, etc., was destroyed or badly damaged. Mr. Story had \$1,000 insurance on his household goods, which will probably cover his material loss, but it was a disagreeable experience and a nasty night to be deprived of a home. Fortunately they had good neighbors ready to come to their relief and house them.

Monday afternoon another alarm was sounded. Some smoldering embers in the wrecked building had been fanned into a blaze, but this was without much difficulty extinguished.

### City to Oil Streets

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting last Monday night ordered three carloads of oil for street oiling, at a cost of 5 1/2 cents a gallon free on board at Farmington. The Board also passed an ordinance laying the city off into oiling districts and provided for issuing tax bills against the property according to frontage for oiling the streets. This will compel all property owners to bear their equal and proportionate share for street oiling, and will insure well oiled streets for the city.

City Marshal Frank Higley tendered his resignation and the Board appointed Jake Schaefer Marshal for the month intervening before the city election on April 3d.

### Judges of Election.

The following persons were appointed to serve as judges of election at the city election on Tuesday, April 3d:

First Ward—E. K. Hawn, Jerry Rion, Peter Schmitt, John Harter, Walter Burgess and W. L. Sackman.

Second Ward—D. F. Giessing, O. J. Mayberry, George Beatty, Harry Pease, P. G. Hunt and J. H. Waide.

Third Ward—E. S. McGee, Adam Neider, A. H. Hemmelgarn, Henry Tetley, S. A. Byington and W. N. Fleming.

Fourth Ward—P. D. Giessing, A. G. Murphy, J. Clyde Akers, Carl Gaebe, H. S. Meyers and J. E. Klein.

### SUCCESSFUL SMALL BANK

The Bank of Coffman held its annual meeting last Monday and re-elected its old directors and officers for the ensuing year. It also declared a dividend of 6 per cent on the capital stock and added \$200 to its surplus fund, which now amounts to \$1,500. This is the third dividend declared by the Bank of Coffman since its organization five years ago.

G. M. London spent the first of the week here with his family. He returned to Miami Tuesday to look after his vast mineral holdings there.

Linn Rariden shipped a car of mules to the East St. Louis market this week. He journeyed on to Jefferson City to see the legislature in action.

## Why Not Bond the County for Good Roads?

We haven't said anything for some time on the subject of bonding the county for road purposes. We wanted the people to think over what we have said and to see the reasonableness and feasibility of the plan. There is not a man in the county who does not recognize the advantage of good roads—their economy no less than their pleasure and the additional wealth they bring to any State or county. Good roads, and better farms, which naturally go with them, build up a community and attract progressive people as no other improvement does; encourage better district schools and make them more accessible to your children; bring your market nearer to your door; save in the wear and tear of vehicles, horse flesh and enable you to economize and save in many ways, and bring you closer to your neighbor and promote that sociability and good fellowship which are the source of the most pleasurable enjoyments of life.

Haven't you thought of these things? Then do so. The good roads sentiment is growing all the time. Congress and our Legislatures are taking up the subject and devising means to carry that sentiment into practical effect, because their necessity is more and more recognized as our country grows in population and our productive capacity and the needs of the people increase. But good roads may not be had for the wishing. Like every good thing, that is worth while, they cost effort, work and money; but they pay a handsome dividend on every dollar put into them in a right and practical system of road construction. There is not a county in the State that cannot afford to bond itself for a reasonable amount for this purpose.

St. Francois could afford to bond itself for \$500,000 for good roads purposes and furnish every township with practically indestructible roads, the up-keep of which would cost less than we now annually expend in improvement and patching up. We would build, too, for posterity, and it is the right of posterity that we leave it an inheritance. Posterity, too, would help to pay for them and be glad to do so—glad that its ancestors had the will and the wisdom to inaugurate

the work. We are doing the best we can with the cash revenue our annual taxes bring in, but it is piecemeal work at best, and must be done over and over again. We need a building capital to begin with to do the work right and lastingly. That done, a comparatively small road tax will pay the interest on the bonds, keep up repairs and create a sinking fund to be applied on the bonds. What if the bonds do run for years? We will get the good roads NOW, have the use of them and leave them for the use of those who come after us, and these will help bear the burden of paying off the bonds—which will be no hardship for them, but a privilege.

Nothing can be accomplished in building up public improvements by piecemeal. Look at our splendid High Schools and improved district school buildings, with their modern heating, ventilating and health-preserving devices! The cities and districts have had to bond themselves to furnish and equip these buildings—we could never have had them without. Do you think they have built wisely? Can you look upon the advantages this policy has given to your children and say that it is not work well done and worth all its cost?

As these could not have been brought to the perfection that you and your children now enjoy in them if you had waited and depended upon the small revenue derived from your annual school taxes, neither can a system of good roads be secured without following the same process. Oh, yes, we can get along—build a little this year and a little the next, and then go over them again and patch up and try to keep them in good shape, but it is costing us just as much each year as if we bonded the county and built them right at once. Are you ready to begin? Then start your petition to the County Court asking that it order a special election to vote on the question—and then vote "Yes" and induce your neighbor to do the same. The Times is aware of the fact that the County Judges are in a receptive mood on this great question, and that if a proper petition is presented to them that they will order an election to decide the matter. That is all they can do. Others must see to preparing the petition.

## Competent Men Should Preside

The date for the annual city election will soon be here, and it is now most timely to be looking around for good and competent men to preside in the various city offices. On the ability and competency of the various city officers will depend, to a very large extent, the progress that this city will make during their term of office. The administration of the affairs of the city will be practically in their hands for the next two years. Therefore, it will be to the personal advantage of every citizen of Farmington to get the best qualified men that it is possible to do in the various city offices.

A few announcements for Marshal have been made, but so far as The Times is informed, there are no announcements as yet either for Mayor or for Aldermen. While the Marshal's office is important in the administration of city affairs, and the right man in that place can find much work to be performed that is not always looked after, of far more importance are the offices of Mayor and Aldermen, as on them devolve the actual management of the city's affairs, which is no small matter. With active, wide-awake, enterprising men in those positions, much can and will be done for the city's advancement and upbuilding that might otherwise be entirely overlooked.

Farmington is really one of the best little cities the writer has ever seen—and we have inspected several. But it is entirely out of the question to expect any place to be sufficiently endowed with possibilities and resources that it will force such upbuilding material to the front without some assistance. In order to give life to possibilities and opportunities they must be pushed forward into the sunlight of publicity. There is no better way to accomplish such publicity feat insofar as a community is concerned, than to have in charge an enterprising, progressive, wide-awake Mayor and Board of Aldermen. It is the positive duty of every good citizen to interest himself to that end. This is the time to get busy.

Mayor E. J. McKinney has made a splendid Mayor and has at all times been wide-awake to the interests of the city and contributed liberally of his time and means to forward every public movement for the upbuilding of the town. He would be a good man to succeed himself, and there is no doubt that he could be re-elected with hands down, but, we are sorry to learn, that he has decided not to be a candidate for re-election. He feels that he has given as much of his time and labor to this work as he can well afford. Who is the next live business man who will offer for Mayor?

### PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public auction, March 14, 1917, on what is known as the Sam B. Herod place, 5 miles northeast of Desloge, the following property: 21 Desloge, 26 head of cattle, farming tools, hay, corn, household and kitchen furniture. It will pay you to attend.

LEEMAN COOK  
M. A. PATTERSON, Auctioneer.

## Splendid Work By Civic Club

The Civic Club of Farmington is a community club, whose object is the betterment of our city. All citizens, men and women, should be members. Every loyal citizen surely desires to support an organization which has for its object the improvement of his community. The Civic Club would like to have every woman in this town as an active member. So come the first day of each month at 3 o'clock to the Library. The dues are \$1.00 a year, and you will find your dollar thus invested well spent—for it means a healthier, happier, prettier town. If the men have not the time to be active members the Civic Club will be glad to have them as honorary members, helping to support the organization, thus enabling it to carry on its good work in Farmington.

A plan that has worked out beautifully in many towns might well be tried here for the improvement of Farmington. It is the utilization of vacant lots for gardens. This is done in many cities and towns by the school children and it is a suggestion well worth our attention. The children might, for instance, have a potato-growing contest. To grow potatoes on our vacant lots would not only improve the appearance of the lots, which in many instances are now used as dumping places, but with the present price of potatoes would prove a great source of revenue. Owners of vacant lots who do not themselves wish to use such lots for gardens and are willing to allow others to use them are requested to notify the Secretary of the Civic Club, Mrs. E. H. Horton.

## Judge Mitchell "On the Job"

The Times recently told of how County Judge W. A. Mitchell was taken off his guard last month, when he came in to attend a meeting of the court, by a "gang of suspicious looking individuals" who besought him to perform a marriage ceremony of a couple who were in waiting, and had requested his services. The Judge thought he could smell the bait of a trap that had been set for him, and quite vigorously refused to "officiate."

Another couple made their appearance Wednesday afternoon, however, in search of connubial bliss, while Judge Mitchell was on duty. Soon as they made their appearance he realized their need, and promptly threw himself into the breach. He rose to the occasion like a veteran, and soon made two "souls happy" and "two hearts beat as one." If the Judge is endowed with any one thing above another it is his progressiveness, and he will try anything once. And he appeared to rather enjoy the performance of officiating, which was his first attempt, but those present failed to "get the laugh on him," as he conducted the quailing pair through those trying moments as though to the man-of-war.